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June 2, 2004

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-121, NSTAR Electric Standby Rate Tariffs

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

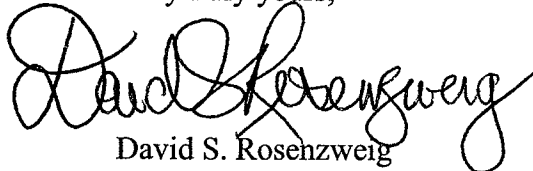
Over the past week, various parties have been engaged in settlement discussions aimed at resolving the issues pending in the above-referenced proceeding. Based on an agreement in principle reached by those parties, I am writing to request a modification of the procedural schedule in this case, including a suspension of the current briefing schedule, to enable those parties to finalize a comprehensive settlement agreement and to file it for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department"). This request is supported by NSTAR Electric, the Division of Energy Resources, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Solar Energy Business Association of New England and the Conservation Law Foundation. It is anticipated that these parties, as well as others, will finalize the settlement agreement and file it for the Department's review on Friday, June 4, 2004. To that end, these parties request that, in conjunction with a suspension of the current briefing schedule, the remainder of the proceeding be scheduled as follows:

<u>Scheduling Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Settlement Agreement Filed	June 4, 2004
Comments Filed by Non-Signatories to Settlement Agreement	June 11, 2004
Responsive Comments Filed by Signatories to Settlement Agreement	June 18, 2004
Department Order on Settlement	June 30, 2004

In the unexpected event that a settlement agreement is not reached, such parties will report back to the Department accordingly and a schedule will be proposed to deal with the associated briefing schedule.

I have enclosed a Certificate of Service. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

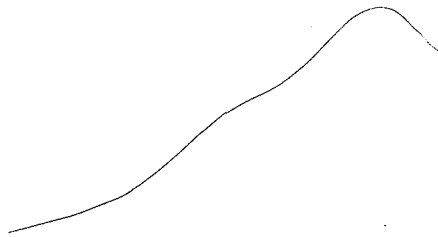
Very truly yours,



David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosure

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
John Cope-Flanagan, Hearing Officer
Service List



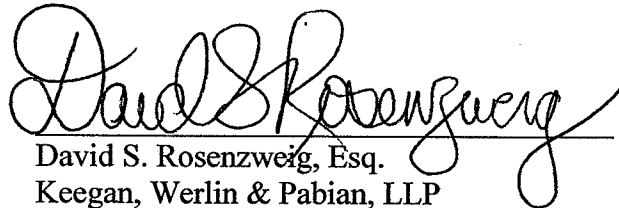
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DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY**

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Boston Edison Company)
Cambridge Electric Light Company)
Commonwealth Electric Company)
d/b/a NSTAR Electric)
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D.T.E. 03-121

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing documents upon the service list
in the above-docketed proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R.
1.05.



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Dated: June 2, 2004